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Applicant : John Stephen Cart
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Examiner : Tucker, Phillip C.
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TITLE: Composition of Drilling Fluids Comprising Ground Elastomeric Crumb Rubber Material and a Method of Decreasing Seepage and Whole Mud Loss Using such Composition

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the December 4, 2003 Examiner's Action and the May 10, 2004 Advisory Action. No new matter is being added by this response.

This is a second submission. The Examiner did not enter Applicant's response filed April 19, 2004. The shortened statutory period for response expired on March 4, 2003. An initial petition for extension of two months and the required two month extension fee were transmitted with Applicant's April 19, 2004 response. With this response Applicant is transmitting a petition for a total extension of three months and the required fee. I do not believe that any additional fees are due; however, should there be any fees due, please charge Deposit Account No. 11-0245.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.